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DEVELOPMENT (19[illegible]) Department

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G.O. No. 1419

Dated 20-3-1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

Subj:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Paddy and millet seeds - release from seed farms at local prevailing market - rate - papers forwarded.

SPECIAL

The Secretary to the Government,
Development Department,
Madras

From
M.S. Sivaraman Esq., I.C.S.
Director of Agriculture,
Madras.

NoE 2.140-48 dated 4th February 1948.

Sir,

Sub:- Agriculture - Paddy Seeds - purchase fr paddy seed farm ryots for distribution sale toryots - permission to purchase at local prevailing rate - requested.

In the five year plan sanctioned in G.O. No. 2535 Development Department dated 9th June 1947, the target of extra production to be reached by spreading improved strains is 3.55 lakhs ~~of~~ ~~of~~ ~~of~~ tons of paddy or nearly 40 percent of the programmed extra yield. The improved seeds are produced on the farms of selected ryots under departmental supervision ~~farms~~ ø and thereafter purchased by the departi ment. This year was a result of the de-control and de-rationing policy adopted in the deficit districts, coupled with the failure of the North-East monsoon over a large tract, the seed farm ryots who, under normal circumstances would sell their seeds during February - March 1948 to this department, are not willing to part with the seeds at th wholesale rate fixed in G.O. No. 34 Food Department dated 12.1.1948 - Schedule II.

2. For instance, in Chittoor district, the ceiling rat fixed is Rs. 17-10-0 (average for first and second crop) per bag of 160 lbs of paddy. The price at which the paddy seeds will be purchased by the department will be Rs. 19-2-0 inclusive of the premiu but the local market rate varies from Rs. 26/- to Rs. 28/-. This is likely to be the case in all the districts where monopoly purchas is not in force. ~~In a~~

3. It is too much to expect the ryots in such districts to part with their seeds at the ceiling rate when they can s in the market at a higher rate. If coercive methods are to be taken our programme of development of seed farms will be greately retarded and it is possible that some ryots will mix up seeds to avoic procurement by the department. In such a case, the object of distribution of improved seeds to increase the production will be defeated.

4. In view of these circumstances, I request Government to allow purchase of seeds from seed farm ryots in the deficit districts at the ruling market rate in consultation with the local Revenue officials. The quantity required for purchase is 15,000 tons of which half the quantity will be purchased at the con trolled rates in the districts where the monopoly purchase is still in force. The seeds will be sold at the rates at which they are p chased as far as possible. But if there is a fall in the price at the time the seeds are distributed, the loss will have to be borne by the Government. The amount of loss can only be conjectured and will not exceed about 4 lakhs of rupees.

5. In view of the importance of increasing the food production, it is necessary that improved seeds must be purchased. As the season for such purchases commences from Februray and lasts till April, I request that very urgent orders may be passed permitting purchase at the ruling market rate in the dis-

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tricts where there is no monopoly purchase.

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Director of Agriculture

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Gazetted-Assistant.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Memo. No. 14936 AIII/48-2, dated 17.2.1948.

Sub:- Agriculture Grow More Food - Paddy seeds - Purchase from seed far ryots for distribution and sale to ryots - Permission to purchase at local prevailing rate.

Ref:-From the Director of Agriculture No.E.2 140-48, dated 4.2.48.

A copy of the Director of Agriculture's letter cited above is communicated to the Commissioner of Civil Supplied.

2. The Director of Agriculture suggests that seed may be purchased from the seed far ryots at the ruling market rate in consultation with the local revenue officials. The ruling market rate may not bear any relation to the ceiling prices fixed by the Government for the sale by producers is not controlled and when they know that the Government are the purchasers they will naturally begin to inflate the price. It seems therefore necessary to fix the price for seeds higher than the ceiling rates notified in G.O. No. Ms. 34, Food dated 12.1.1948. The Director of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies a therefore requested to work out the prices to be given for seed paddy in each district taking into account all relevant factors and ~~these~~ give effect to them. This will apply to millets also.

3. As seeds have to be purchased immediately, this should be treated as very special and a report submitted to Government before 20.2.1948.

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To
The Commissioner of the Civil Supplies
(with a copy of c.f.)
The Director of Agriculture.

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PMENT DEPARTMENT

Memo. No. 14936 A III/48-6, dated 5.3.1948.

Sub:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Paddy and millet seeds - Purchase from seed farmers ryots at local prevailing market rate.

Ref:- From the Director of Agriculture, No.E2-140/48 dated 19.2.1948.
From the Board of Revenue, No. S.623/48-1 dated 22-2-48.

The Director of Agriculture is permitted to purchase paddy and millet seeds required for seed purposes at the following rates:-

1. IF PURCHASED FROM WHOLESALERS OR MILLERS bagged at gunnies:	At local prevailing prices or at 50% more than the prices fixed in Schedule II and III to G.O. Ms.34 Food, dated 12th January 1948. whichever is less.
2. IF PURCHASED LOSSE FROM PRODUCERS in the villages, transport and bagging being arranged by the Director of Agriculture himself:	At local prevailing prices or at 50% more than the notified village site prices whichever is less.

2. The Director of Agriculture is requested to see that the seeds are sold at the rates at which they are purchased as far as possible and to submit to Government a report regarding the financial effect of the whole scheme as ordered in Government Memo. No. 14936-A3/48-2, dated 17.2.1948-

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To
The Director of Agriculture
Copy to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.
Copy to Food Department
Copy to Accountant-General through Finance
Copy to Chief Auditor for S.T.S.
Chepauk, Madras.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Memo. No. 54297 A III/48-4, dated 25.6.1948.

Sub:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Paddy seeds - Purchase at enhanced rate from seed farmryots - Supplemental claim - payment - Permitted.

Ref:- From the Director of Agriculture No. E2. 390/48 dated 8.5.48.

The Director of Agriculture is permitted to pay the seed farmryots in all the districts at the enhanced rates sanctioned in Government Memo. No. 14936 A III/48-6, dated 5.3.48. He is requested to see that in all cases the seeds are sold at the prices at which they were purchased without any loss to Government.

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To the Director of Agriculture
Copy to Accountant-General through Finance

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Memo. No. 54306 A III/48-5, dated 12.8.1948.

Sub:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Paddy and millet seeds - Purchase from seed farm ryots at local prevailing market rates.

Ref:- Government Memo. No. 14936 A III/48-6, dated 5.3.48
From the Director of Agriculture No.E2. 466/48, dated 11.5.48.
" " " " 466/48, dated 2.7.48.

In Memo. No. 14936 A III/48-6, dated 5.3.48, the Government permitted the Director of Agriculture to purchase from producers paddy and millet seeds for seed purposes at the local prevailing prices or at 50% more than the notified village site prices whichever is less. The Director of Agriculture has now reported that this order does not help the Director of Agriculture Offices of certain districts like Coimbatore where the prevailing market rates for paddy and millet seeds are more than double the village site prices and as such it is found impossible to purchase any seed at the rates permitted by Government. He has also stated that under the seed farm indenture, the Agricultural Department is bound to pay to the seed farm ryots in respect of the seeds delivered by them, the prevailing market price at the time of purchase. He has therefore requested that he may be permitted to purchase paddy and millet seeds at market rates, even at the risk of a probable loss that may occur at the time of the sale of seeds due to any fall in market price. The Government approve the Director of Agriculture's proposal. The Director of Agriculture is however, requested to instruct the Director of Agricultural Officers to get the approval of the Collector concerned for the "market price" before payment is made to the seed farm ryots. He is also requested to avoid losses as far as possible. If there is any unavoidable loss to Government it will be shared by this Government and the Government of India on a 50:50 basis, - Vide para 5 of G.O. NO. Ms. 2891, Development, dated 31.5.48.

2. The orders in para 1 above will apply only to districts where there is no procurement of food grains by Government agency. In surplus districts like Tanjore where there is Govennment procurement and no separate market rate other than the notified village site prices, the seed far ryots will continue to be eligible to get 50%mmore than the notified village site prices.

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To the Director of Agriculture
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" to Accountant-General through Finance
" to Chief Auditor for State Trading Scheme, Chepauk, Madras.

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To Assistant Secretary

No further action is pending in this file. The papers may be recorded with a Call Book entry against 1.6.48 to watch the report of the Director of Agriculture on the actual financial result of the scheme with ref: to para 2 of the seheme wit Memo. on. p. 19 c.f.

G.O. Ms.No. 1419,Dt.20.3.48.

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Secretary to Government.

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